

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended, and new claims 14-16 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the claim amendments, claims 1-7 and 9-16 will remain pending and under examination. No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 9-12 were rejected as being anticipated by Satoh (EP 0881 587 A2). The rejections were traversed by incorporation of dependent claim 8, which stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh in view of Day (US 2003/0224760). It is therefore understood that all pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh in view of Day. The outstanding rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The following is a comparison between embodiments of the present invention and the cited art.

Independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite a creating unit to, if the specific command is interpreted as an instruction to create a list of one or more targets, which are specified by the specific command, create, from the targets stored in memory of the terminal device, the list of the one or more targets which are specified by the specific command, wherein the number of the one or more targets in the list is a predetermined number that has been specified, and if the targets are received mails, at least a sender, a received date, and a subject are displayed in the list, with respect to each of the received mails. (For support, see p. 5, lines 24-28, p. 7, lines 4-10, and Fig. 6 of the present application).

As an exemplary advantage to embodiments of the present invention, as recited in claim 1, the number of the one or more targets in the list is a predetermined, specified number, so that the user is allowed to acquire a list of a predetermined number of targets. Thus, the usability of the terminal device is greatly improved.

Day discloses a technique that allows the user to receive an e-mail by accessing an e-mail server 102 using an application program or the like (see paragraph [0020], etc.). Day discloses nothing about a list pertaining to a received mail, the list being extracted according to a specific command and transmitted as a mail main body. Furthermore, Day discloses an inbox displayed on a desktop computer system (see FIG. 2 of Day) and an inbox displayed on a mobile device (see FIG. 3). The inboxes are retrieved from an e-mail storage device or the like.

Day fails to teach or suggest that the number of the one or more targets in the list is a predetermined number that has been specified, as recited in independent claim 1. Accordingly, the system described by Day is incapable of allowing a user to acquire a list of a predetermined number of targets.

Applicant further notes that Satoh discloses that a file operation is performed by using an e-mail system for a remote operation; however, Satoh fails to teach or even suggest a received mail being a target of an operation. Thus, it is submitted that Satoh fails to cure the deficiencies of Day described above.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited art, alone or in combination. The pending dependent claims inherit the patentability of amended claim 1 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

New Claims

New claim 14 recites the terminal device of Claim 1, wherein the list of the one or more targets is created by selecting a predetermined number of the targets, in order of most recently received. (See p. 5, lines 24-28, of the present specification for support).

New claim 15 recites the terminal device of Claim 1, wherein if the targets are the received mails, unread mails are displayed in the list and read mails are not included in the list. (See p. 6, lines 14-15, of the present specification for support).

New claim 16 recites the terminal device of Claim 11, further comprising: a display unit to display data stored in the memory. (See p. 5, lines 6-1, and p. 8, lines 19-28, of the present specification for support).

The new dependent claims inherit the patentability of independent claim 1 and, thus, are submitted to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein. It is further submitted that the new claims 14-16 recite features, which enhance the usability of the terminal device, that are not taught or suggested by the cited art.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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